

Mr. Sheik Abdul Qadir Sahib Bahadur.—Yes; the matter is engaging the attention of the Government.

Supply of Clothing to the Police Department.

35. Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) the names of persons who submitted tenders in compliance with notifications in the Cochin Government Gazette for the clothing of the Police Department in the years 1102 and 1103 M. E. and what were the rates of each of them;

(b) to whom was the work entrusted in each year?

Mr. Sheik Abdul Qadir Sahib Bahadur.—(a) and (b). Two statements containing the information are placed on the Council Table.

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—Why do you call such questions if you insist that the Member should be present?

Mr. T. K. Krishna Menon.—We do not insist; we only make that representation, that is all.

Murder Cases.

36. Mr. P. Krishna Menon—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) the number of alleged or suspected murder cases reported to the Police during the eleven months of 1103;

(b) how many of these have been charge-sheeted during the same period;

(c) please give the date of occurrence of those cases which are not yet charged with the name of stations in whose jurisdiction the occurrence took place;

(d) is it not the practice in the Police Department to send up a report to the Commissioner from the Station concerned, if after a month from the date of occurrence, the case is not detected;

(e) how many of the cases not charge-sheeted come under this class, if any;

(f) if there are any, were any special steps taken for the detection of those cases, and if taken, what are the steps taken and with what interval of time from the date of the report?

Mr. Sheik Abdul Qadir Sahib Bahadur.—(a) 10.

(b) 6.

(c) 49/03 of Trichur Cusba, date of occurrence 16th Makaram 1103.

38/03 of Narakkal, date of occurrence 21st Mithunam 1103.

72/03 of Irinjalakkuda, date of occurrence 28th Kumbham 1103.

128/03 of Ernakulam Town, date of occurrence 21st Medam 1103.

(d) No.

(e) No answer is necessary in view of the answer to (d).

(f) No answer is necessary.

Mr. P. Krishna Menon.—Am I to understand, Sir, that no steps are taken if such crimes are not charge-sheeted within a reasonable time?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—We will give another opportunity to the Members to put supplementary questions when the Member is present.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Some of the answers will be useful for us when we come to the discussion on the Grants. So you will please allow us to put questions when the Member is present, when we come to the discussion on the Grant for the Police.

President.—These questions may be repeated on some future occasion.

Sub-Inspector Mr. P. V. Raman Menon.

37. Mr. K. J. Antony.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) why second grade Sub-Inspector Mr. P. V. Raman Menon was preferred to act as Prosecuting Inspector recently while there were two Sub-Inspectors in the first grade of whom one is a graduate of long standing and other a fully trained Sub-Inspector of long service;

(2) was there any complaint from the courts or from the Station House Officers about the work turned out by Mr. P. V. Raman Menon during his acting period; if so, what action has been taken against him?

Mr. Sheik Abdul Qadir Sahib Bahadur.—(1) He was better qualified for the post.

(2) The Ernakulam Magistrate had once complained regarding his non-attendance in court on a day; but he was not punished for it as he was engaged in court work at Trichur on the same day.

Head Constable Ittiachen.

38. Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) how long Head Constable Ittiachen was on traffic duty in the Trichur town;

(b) were there petitions against him by the bus owners and if so, whether they were inquired into and what was the result of the inquiry;

(c) why he was transferred from Trichur?

Mr. Sheik Abdul Qadir Sahib Bahadur.—(a) From 1st Chingam 1103 to 1st Edavam 1103.

(b) There were no petitions against him.

(c) In the interests of the Department.